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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicant hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into one-month after the response due date, i.e., until April 30, 2004, for responding to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2004.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$110.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

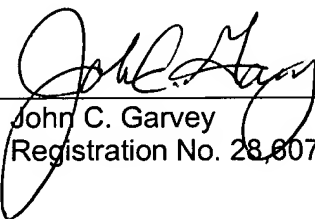
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